



We hope you all had a very happy Easter break.

In Year 1 the theme for the term will be '**Beside the Seaside**'.

This half term our learning will include:

English - We will be writing through the genres of recounts, fiction writing related to texts including 'The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch', 'The Mousehole Cat', 'Handa's Surprise' and 'The Rainbow Fish'. We will be writing non-chronological reports related to our topics on Great Britain and Beside the Sea. Phonics and spelling work will be continuous and we will also deepen the children's focus on the importance of good sentence punctuation. We encourage the children to use their pre-cursive letter strokes when writing and will be teaching them the first joins this term. The children will have the opportunity to win a special red 'presentation superstar' pencil for use in class, when they are showing consistency in their presentation and handwriting. They are all already embracing this challenge!

Numeracy - We will be covering the following units:

Place Value

Count to and across 100, forwards and backwards, beginning with 0 or 1, or from any given number.

Count, read and write numbers from 1-100 in numerals and words.

Identify and represent numbers using objects and pictorial representations including the number line, and use the language of: equal to, more than, less than, most, least.

Given a number, identify one more and one less

Four Operations

Represent and use number bonds and related subtraction facts within 20.

Add and subtract one-digit and two-digit numbers to 20, including 0.

Read, write and interpret mathematical statements involving addition (+) subtraction (-) and equals (=) signs. Solve one step problems that involve addition and subtraction, using concrete objects and pictorial representations, and missing number problems. Count in multiples of twos, fives and tens.

Solve one step problems involving multiplication and division, by calculating the answer using concrete objects, pictorial representations and arrays with the support of the teacher.

Science - We will begin to conduct scientific testing through continuation of our 'Plants' topic and then we will link this to our next topic 'Reproduction' where we will study life cycles of plants and animals.

Design - We will be designing and making textile puppets to use in our seaside theme puppet theatre. If you have any spare fabrics, ribbon or buttons at home you no longer need, please do send them in to Class 1.

Art – We will be looking at the work of the Victorian artist L.S. Lowry and creating our own industrial landscape paintings.

Geography - We will be looking at the British coast and its features, such as harbours, ports, beaches, cliffs etc. We will be comparing and contrasting the British coast to the coastal features in other countries.

History - We will be looking at Victorian Britain, paying particular attention to 'Then and Now' of school, toys and seaside holidays. We will visit St Johns museum in Warwick on Tuesday 8th May (details to follow) where the children will have the opportunity to experience life in a Victorian classroom and play with Victorian toys. If you are able to assist on the trip as a parent helper, and are already CRB checked, please see Mrs Hurlock.

Computing - Our unit this half term will include 'We are Treasure Hunters' where we will develop our knowledge of programmable toys.

PE - Our PE will be Athletics and Tennis this half term. PE continues to be on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please make sure your child has socks in their kit bag if they wear tights and that all items of clothing at school are clearly named, thank you.

Music - We will continue our focus on rhythm and learn traditional clapping songs. We will learn songs related to our topic learning.

RE - This half term we will be exploring 'What makes some places sacred?'

PHSE - We will learn protective behaviours along the theme of 'Unsafe feelings and body awareness'. In this topic we will be using the correct names for private body parts. Please feel free to speak to Mrs Partridge if you have any concerns regarding this.

We look forward to entertaining you on **Thursday 3rd May** when it is **Class 1's assembly at 9am in the hall**. We hope you will all be able to come.